

## NAVY IS ANXIOUS TO ENTER REGATTA

Up to Superintendent to Approve Request to Go to Poughkeepsie.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct. 6.—The Naval Academy will be represented by a crew at the intercollegiate race at Poughkeepsie this spring if the new superintendent, Capt. J. M. Bowyer, will approve the request.

The athletic authorities of the Academy have directed the crew management to forward this request at once. While it is not certain as to what action Captain Bowyer will take, it is believed he is much more favorably disposed toward the proposition than was his predecessor, Capt. Charles J. Badger.

The Naval Academy rowed at Poughkeepsie in 1907 and was defeated only by Cornell and Columbia. All those connected with aquatics and the navy contingent in general, are much interested in the project. Every effort is made to encourage rowing here, and it is felt that if an entry in the intercollegiate races ended the season interest would be much enhanced.

There is a possibility of a race at Annapolis this year with Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, and a University of New York are probable. A contract has been made with Richard Glendon, who has coached the Navy crews for five seasons to take charge another year, and Glendon is now working with the material from the new class.

It would not be at all difficult to make the arrangements for the midshipmen to row upon the Hudson, as at that time the summer practice fleet will be on the annual cruise with the brigade of midshipmen in the neighborhood of New London, Conn. It is proposed to have all the crew men assigned to a monitor, which could be detached for a period covering a week or two in advance of the race until the fleet after it is probable training quarters might be arranged on the monitor, though the house boat belonging to Col. Robert M. Thompson, of New York, an Academy graduate, was used in 1907 and will doubtless be offered again if available. The majority of the alumni of the

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Admiral Evans Comes Out for Ship Subsidy, But Takes Shot at Critics Who Think This Nation Has No Sea Defense.

"I am in sympathy with every word the President has said as to the necessity for ship subsidy, and with the movement as a whole, but I haven't any patience with that class of individuals who, in their advocacy of that program, try to belittle the American navy."

This was the caustic comment made today by Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans against the speech yesterday at Cincinnati by former Representative Charles B. Landis, wherein the Indian declared that "those Americans who are informed consider our navy a bluff." In the course of his plea for a merchant marine from which could be drawn the sailors for Uncle Sam's ships.

"Mr. Landis," said the admiral grimly, "makes the mistake of a lot of gentlemen of his profession—that of talking about things of which he knows nothing. Of course, we need a merchant marine, but this talk about the navy being a bluff is all a rot."

"Two things, in my own opinion, have combined to stunt the growth of an American merchant marine. First, the absurd animosity of Congress back in the '90s in refusing to take back into the service those ships which during the war were 'whitewashed,' or adopted a foreign flag during the struggle. Then, academy, as well as the midshipmen body, are anxious for the entry to be allowed. The athletic management of the Naval Academy, with the approval of the Academy authorities, will suggest to the authorities of the Military Academy alumni contests in rifle shooting, fencing, basketball, and gymnastics, the series to begin this year. Contests in rifle shooting have been proposed in previous years, and officers of both services are in favor of the project, believing that such a contest is very fitting."

In fencing, another sport which is particularly appropriate to the naval and military schools, West Point and Annapolis have already met in the annual tournament of the intercollegiate fencing association.

second, the fact that steamship stocks and bonds don't return the same income as the railroad securities.

"We pay out millions upon millions annually to have our products brought to market—pay it out to foreigners. That ought to go to American steamship lines."

"The days are past when the American Jackie has his fingers full of tar and his head wet with slush. The American sailor nowadays is a mechanic—a specialist. Two days at sea is generally enough to give the greenest landlubber his sea legs. This talk of sailors being 'horn and not made' is rot. The Whoopee heard of a 'horn' twelve-inch gun pointer."

"We are weak in auxiliaries, no doubt. But we've got the finest navy in the world. And anyone who says the men—the boys who do the work—are inefficient, is talking rot."

"Did the men on the Atlantic fleet appear like landlubbers? I wasn't with them during the Asiatic cruise, but I heard they struck two or three typhoons over there, and the battleships came out all right. Who says these men are landlubbers, untrained in the sea, and all that sort of rot? We make men in the navy."

"While all this talk about our weak merchant marine is being noised about, it shouldn't be forgotten that we have the finest coast merchant marine in the world. We need a foreign merchant marine as well. The President has said just the right word in his speech at Seattle last Thursday. I can't add any more than my heartiest sympathy with that view."

"There have been several magazines lately that apparently fill valuable space with absurd rot about the ineffectiveness of the American navy. I noticed one recently which prates a lot about 'horn and made' seamen, and labels our sailors as 'agriculturalists,' in presenting his plea for a ship subsidy."

"I just want to say that if our boys are 'made' sailors, they outpulled Evans' Jackies up in New York harbor recently—and the men they beat, from England and Germany, were graduates of the merchant marine—the sort of 'horn' sailors mentioned in this attempt at a muckrake."

"We want a merchant marine and need one—but don't anybody make the mistake of belittling our navy as a bluff."

## SODALITY LYCEUM REACHES MAJORITY

Alexandria Catholic Society Celebrates Twenty-First Birthday.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU. ALEXANDRIA, VA., OCT. 6.—The twenty-first anniversary of the organization of Young Men's Sodality Lyceum was celebrated by the members of the lyceum at their hall, in Duke street, last evening.

The meeting was largely attended and was presided over by President R. E. Power. The Rev. Father Cutler, pastor of St. Mary's church, was the first speaker of the evening. Father Cutler congratulated the lyceum on having attained its majority, and wished it many more years of usefulness to the young men of Alexandria city.

W. C. Sullivan, of Washington, president of the Catholic Young Men's National Union, was the next speaker. Mr. Sullivan outlined to the members of the lyceum the benefits derived by being a member of the Catholic Young Men's National Union, and suggested that the lyceum having attained its majority, it would be a fitting time to join the union.

During the evening addresses were also delivered by F. T. Quinn, a charter member of the Lyceum; W. M. Donnelly and M. J. McFarland.

The lyceum then by a unanimous vote decided to join the Catholic Young Men's National Union.

After the meeting an oyster roast was served in the gymnasium.

Miss Mary Robertson Lloyd, daughter of Bishop Coadjutor-elect Arthur Seldon Lloyd, will be married to the Rev. Edward Pendleton Dandridge, of

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